



GOOD NEWS FROM THE STATEHOUSE

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Telecom Bill to Create 20,000 Hoosier Jobs

Thousands of jobs will be created in Indiana through legislation that will deregulate the state's telecommunications industry. HB 1279 is being hailed as the best in the nation.

For more information click [here](#)

Strengthening Indiana's Economy

Thousands of jobs have been created during the Governor's first year and a half in office. Some examples include:

Honda: 2,000 jobs, Greensburg

Toyota, Camry: 1,000 jobs, Lafayette

Pfizer: 450 jobs, Terre Haute

Sallie Mae: 700 jobs, Muncie

Sysco: 500 jobs, Hamlet

Rolls Royce: 600 jobs, Indpls.

DuBose: 60 jobs, Crawfordsville

American Commercial Lines, Inc.: 1,100 jobs, Jeffersonville

BAE Systems: 36 jobs, Ft. Wayne

Louis Dreyfus: 85 jobs, Claypool

State's Credit Rating Improves to AA+

According to Standard & Poor's credit rating report, Indiana moved from an 'AA' rating to 'AA+', reflecting the State's improved financial position. "Our policy of being careful with tax dollars and paying down our debt to schools is being rewarded with lower interest rates and further savings to Hoosier taxpayers.

For more information click [here](#)

Major Moves to Create Thousands of Hoosier Jobs



The recent shattering of transportation investment records is good news for Hoosiers.

With a projected \$826 million in spending on roads, bridges, and highways in 2007 alone Hoosiers can expect to see a drop in unemployment and a rise in economic development.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.majormoves.in.gov>

Honda Makes Greensburg, Indiana Home



Upon his return from Asia, Governor Daniels was met with the news that Honda will be making a home in Indiana. The new 1,700 acre facility, located in Decatur County near Greensburg, will begin production in the fall of 2008 and will employ 2,000 people.

For more information click [here](#).

Indiana's First Honestly Balanced Budget in 8 Years

Governor Daniels, as promised, has delivered the first balanced budget in years. With the help of each state agency, the General Assembly, and an improving economy, Indiana finished the year with a surplus and more money in the bank than it owed in debt.

For more information click [here](#)

Alternative Fuels Bring Jobs and Growth to Indiana

Indiana is becoming a frontrunner in alternative fuel production, bringing jobs and economic growth to Hoosiers. When Governor Daniels took office, Indiana had only one biofuel plant and zero public E85 pumps. The state reached its goal of 40 pumps open for use six months ahead of schedule. Indiana is becoming a national leader in biofuel production while creating Hoosier jobs and lowering America's dependence on foreign oil. For more information click [here](#)

Healthcare for the Needy Exceeds Outreach Goal

After one full year "Rx for Indiana," Governor Daniels health assistance program, has matched more than 130,000 Hoosiers with programs providing prescription drug assistance.

For more information, visit:

<http://rxforindiana.org/>

Daylight Saving Time Having a Positive Effect

Federal Express hailed DST as one of the reasons it is expanding in central Indiana.

The relocation of a Woodlawn business from Ohio to Indiana is also attributed to the switch to Daylight Saving Time.

For more information click [here](#)

Governor Repays Debt to Schools

As promised, Governor Mitch Daniels recently ordered the state to fully repay the debt owed to K-12 schools, repaying the funds withheld from school systems during the previous era of deficit spending.

For more information click [here](#)